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MORE OIL DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL; NEW SEARCHES PLANNED, MINISTER HINTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A second strike in Israel's first well at Heletz was made this morning. The new oil layer is 16 feet deep--more than four times the thickness of the first layer struck about two weeks ago. A joint statement issued by the Lapidot Oil Co. and Israel Oil Explorers--the two concerns drilling at the Heletz site--said that a "Johnston test" was applied at 8 A. M. this morning, Israel time. The test produced oil gas at 8:30 A. M. and the oil began to spurt up at 9 A. M. The oil was immediately diverted to special reservoirs.

The new layer of oil was struck at a depth of 4,965 feet, about 50 feet deeper than the initial strike. First tests of the new oil strike indicated that the two layers were not connected and the new oil appeared better than the first, thicker and darker. Samples of the oil have been taken to the Weizmann Institute, where analysis will determine its exact composition.

In Jerusalem, Minister of Development Dov Joseph told newsmen at a special press conference that the new strike would encourage new oil searches elsewhere. He added that the test had produced a huge gusher which was still flowing and which had been diverted to reservoirs about 80 feet from the boring hole--thus demonstrating the strong pressure under which the oil was now flowing. Mr. Joseph said it was not yet possible to state the well's output or the exact extent of the oil field, but that both would be determined in the course of regular pumping operations. These operations, he added, would start in a few days, as soon as certain special tools had been obtained.

It was also reported that "Shlumberger tests" carried out during the night had indicated that the start of the layer was considerably deeper than the 16 feet announced in the official communiques of the strike. Work on new drillings in the Heletz area, it was also reported, will begin in the next few days.

Stocks of Israel Oil Companies Rise in New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- In the wake of reports of new and larger oil strikes in Israel, trading activity in the stocks of various Israel oil companies continued heavy on the American stock exchange today. Three companies--one domestic and two foreign--were among the listed leaders in volume of trading at the close of business yesterday.

The three leaders, their volumes and prices yesterday were as follows: Israel American Oil, 39,900, closed at 6-7/8 up 1; Pan Israel Oil, 24,000, closed at 3-7/8 up 3/4; and Israel Mediterranean Petroleum, 14,600, closed at 3-3/4 up 5/8.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS SOVIET BLOC MAY OFFER ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman announced officially today that "the Department has some information indicating that the Soviet bloc may be making an approach to an offer of arms for Israel."

Asked if a Soviet offer to Israel has already been made, Henry Suydam, the Department's chief press spokesman, refused to amplify his brief statement. However, it was learned that Israel received a hint that it might be able to buy Red arms if it applies for them but that Israel does not want to do so, preferring Western sources of supply if they can be obtained.

In response to a request for the State Department's views on reports of danger of a renewed Arab-Israel war, Mr. Suydam said the concern of the United States was expressed in a joint Anglo-American statement issued in New York by Secretary of State Dulles and British Foreign Secretary MacMillan during the conference of foreign ministers.

Knesset Postpones Debate on Egypt's Arms Till Monday

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament was reconvened today to discuss the danger for Israel arising out of the acquisition of arms by Egypt from Communist countries. However, at the suggestion of Premier Moshe Sharett the debate on this subject was postponed till Monday.

The debate on the Communist-Egyptian arms deal was requested by the extreme rightist Herut Party and by the General Zionists. The Communist deputies vigorously objected to the starting of any debate on this issue.

DELEGATION OF U. S. JEWISH LEADERS MEETS WITH DULLES ON ARMS ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A delegation of top American Jewish leaders spent about an hour today discussing the Middle Eastern situation with Secretary of State Dulles and George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern affairs. The delegation was led by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency.

The concern of 17 major Jewish groups was conveyed to the Department. Developments of the last several weeks were discussed, and it is believed much emphasis was placed on Egypt's arms deal and the grave danger of imbalance of power that would place Israel in greater jeopardy. It is thought that Mr. Allen reported to the group on his recent trip to Cairo.

The delegation included, in addition to Dr. Goldmann, Philip Klutznick, B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, and Adolph Held, Jewish Labor Committee. A report on the conversation will be made by the delegation to the 17 organizations on whose behalf they acted.

ARAB STATES ASK FOR MORE TIME TO STUDY U. S. PLAN ON JORDAN WATERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Arab states have asked for more time to study the American-sponsored Jordan Valley water development project, Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy, is reported to have announced today in Cairo.

He added he had been informed that objections raised by the Arab states directly concerned--Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt--can be resolved in the near future. "At that time I hope it will be possible to proceed with the project," he said. Israel had indicated agreement to the plan some time ago making reservations for slight modifications. Ambassador Johnston reached Israel today but refused to make any statements there.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY OPPOSES MIDDLE EAST ARMS RACE; LAUDS ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A resolution welcoming the stand of the Parliamentary Labor Party against an arms race in the Middle East and calling for co-existence between Israel and the Arab states was adopted here today at the Labor Party conference at Margate. The resolution also lauded what it termed the constructive achievements of the Mapai party in Israel.

Sam Watson, leader of the miners' union, addressing the conference, said that the main issue in the world today was the situation in the Middle East. He described Israel as a beacon light in that area and said that he hoped the conference would show that, as believers in the labor movement, the British labor movement would let the people of Israel know that it supported them.

LONDON BANK GRANTS \$6,230,000 LOAN TO KEREN HAYESOD IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A 2,250,000 pound (\$6,230,000) loan agreement between Lloyd's Bank and the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency was signed here today. The loan was signed by Jewish Agency treasurer Dr. Giora Josephthal and Israel Sieff for the Keren Hayesod.

The new loan is to be repaid in four quarterly annual installments between Jan. 1, 1957 and Oct. 1, 1963. The interest rate is set one percent higher than the prevailing Bank of England discount rate--currently 5-1/2 percent--with the proviso that it cannot go below 4-1/2 percent in any event.

The main items to be purchased with the aid of the new loan are buses to enlarge Israel's transport facilities, particularly in new settlements, heavy agricultural equipment such as tractors and combines, and aluminum pipes for irrigation projects.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Josephthal said: "Owing to the foreign currency regulations of Great Britain, it is not an easy task to expand the trade and financial relations between the two countries." He expressed great appreciation for the attitude of Lloyd's Bank and the British Treasury, which approved the loan. The Agency treasurer stressed that this was the first step toward strengthening the trade relations between the two countries.

U. S. AIR FORCE SPONSORS RESEARCH PROJECT AT ISRAEL'S TECHNION

HAIFA, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A second research project at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, by the United States Air Force, was announced here today. The new undertaking, which will be carried forward in the laboratories of the Aeronautical Engineering Department of the Technion, deals with the effects of air flow on bodies travelling faster than the speed of sound, and will be directed by 34-year-old Abraham Kogan, lecturer in aeronautics at the Technion.

Several weeks ago announcement was made that the European Office, Air Research & Development Command of the U.S. Air Force was sponsoring a project by Technion's Prof. Markus Reiner in a field related to flight through the stratosphere. The second project is also the result of a recent visit to Haifa by a delegation of American aeronautical scientists.

MOSLEM TRIBUNAL PROTESTS INCLUSION OF JEW IN TUNISIAN CABINET

TUNIS, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Moslem religious tribunal of Tunis has sent a resolution to the Bey of Tunis protesting, in strong terms, against the inclusion of Albert Bessis, Jewish communal leader, in the new Tunisian Cabinet. M. Bessis is the only Jew represented in the new all-Tunisian Government.

U. N. ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE STARTS DISCUSSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Nearly seven years after the United Nations proclaimed its Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was merely a manifesto of good intentions, the General Assembly's Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee today tackled the job of trying to codify some sort of international law in the general field of human rights.

In accordance with a decision made last year, the Committee started article-by-article discussion of two draft human rights covenants now on the agenda. Both covenants are intended "to put teeth" into the UN's human rights planning. One of the covenants deals with economic, social and cultural rights, while the other is concerned with civil and political rights.

The discussions are expected to last five or six weeks. It is not expected that either of the covenants will see final adoption this year. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted at a session of the General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948.

JEWISH REFUGEE DEVELOPS NEW ENGINE FOR FIRST U. S. SUPERSONIC BOMBER

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The first United States supersonic bomber will be powered by a new jet engine whose chief developer is a Jewish refugee from Germany, Gerhard Neumann, it was revealed here today. The new engine, the J-79, was developed by Mr. Neumann at the General Electric Evandale plant here.

The 38-year-old engineer, whose father was a manufacturer in Frankfurt-an-der-Oder, exhibited his propensities at an early age, having won a prize for building a wind velocity indicator at the age of 13. He graduated from engineering school in 1938. Hearing that the Chinese Nationalists wanted engineers, he set out for China only to be interned in Hong Kong later as an "enemy alien" by the British when the war broke out. Facing internment in Ceylon, unless he could find a country to accept him, Neumann met an American, who took him to Kunming, China, as a mechanic. Eventually he met Claire L. Chennault, commander of the "Flying Tigers," and wound up serving with them.

When the United States entered the war, Gen. Chennault got special permission from the Pentagon to have the "enemy alien" given a sergeant's rating in the Air Force. Later Sgt. Neumann switched to service in the top-secret Office of Strategic Services, but even its commander, Gen. William Donovan, could not circumvent the rule barring "enemy aliens" from a commission. Sgt. Neumann went back to China to serve as a B-25 gunner. Just as he returned to the U. S. after the war, President Truman signed a special bill granting him citizenship.

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON CONVEYS EISENHOWER'S GREETING TO SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The installation today of Dr. Abraham J. Feldman as president of the Synagogue Council of America was marked by a message of congratulations from President Eisenhower conveyed by Vice-President Richard Nixon. The message expressed President Eisenhower's "best wishes" for the Council's efforts "to strengthen in the American community a devotion to the ancient religious concepts of peace and justice."

The installation ceremony was also marked by the presentation by Dr. Feldman of the First Annual Citation of the Synagogue Council to Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut. The award cited Gov. Ribicoff "as that American Jew who in 1955 gave a superb demonstration of the abiding meaningfulness and dynamic validity of the teachings of Judaism and the synagogue through translating his love of God and his devotion to the precepts of our faith in serving the people of his state and nation with all his heart, and soul, and might."

In the major address of the evening, Dr. Feldman announced that the Synagogue Council is launching a nationwide "Back to the Synagogue" movement for the purpose of reaching "the considerable numbers of our people who have no affiliation whatsoever with the synagogue or temple," and in order to stimulate throughout the country "a collective and individual resurgence of profounder spiritual awareness and religious living."

C. I. O. IN VERMONT JOINS IN FIGHT AGAINST HOTELS PRACTICING BIAS

RUTLAND, Vt., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Vermont State Industrial Union Council, C. I. O., has endorsed a human rights program paralleling that adopted by the Vermont A. F. L. at its convention two weeks ago. The C. I. O. group echoed the call of the A. F. L. body for the labor press to list the names of hotels and other establishments in this state which engage in discriminatory practices and for members and friends of labor organizations to boycott such establishments.

92 JEWISH FIRMS SUFFERED EXTENSIVE FLOOD LOSSES IN WATERBURY AREA

WATERBURY, Conn., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Cooperating with the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce, the Jewish Federation has assumed responsibility for carrying out part of the much-needed survey of the extent of losses from the recent floods suffered by business firms in the area, it was announced here this week. Federation staff members are conducting the survey among Jewish companies.

The purpose of the investigation will be to aid in processing the complicated system of allotting loans and outright grants to firms in need of assistance. Although the situation regarding grants remains confused, the ultimate hope is to be able to channel some grants through local and national groups whose constitutions have provisions for making such assistance available.

Statistics gathered to date show that a total of 92 Jewish-owned firms in Waterbury, Naugatuck and the surrounding area suffered extensive flood losses. Of this total, it was revealed, five companies will be unable to resume business and their people must find other means of livelihood. Nine large firms and 30 small-size business establishments were so badly affected that their flood losses constitute a serious problem to their future operations.

100-Year-Old Synagogue is Being Rebuilt with Cement from Israel

PUTNAM, Conn., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Cement from Israel, part of a gift of the Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, to the American Red Cross, to assist victims of hurricane Diane, was being used today to reconstruct the foundations of the century-old building here which is the home of the Sons of Zion congregation. The synagogue suffered damage amounting to around \$30,000 from the flood waters which followed the hurricane.

The Neshet cement being used here was part of the first shipment of Israel cement to this country and was brought to the port of Bridgeport in the Israel freighter Tamar. The Histadrut gave 1,000 bags of cement to the American Red Cross as a gesture of sympathy for victims of the hurricane and floods. The gratitude of Putnam's tiny Jewish community of 25 families to Israel for this contribution was voiced to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by Barney Sandys, young Putnam merchant who is leading the drive to rebuild the synagogue.

B'NAI B'RITH CELEBRATES ITS 112TH BIRTHDAY TODAY THROUGHOUT U.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Celebrations marking the 112th birthday of B'nai B'rith will be held tomorrow by lodges and chapters of the organization from coast to coast, B'nai B'rith headquarters said here today. Oldest and largest Jewish service organization in the world, B'nai B'rith was founded on the East Side of New York City on Oct. 13, 1843.

The observance was officially launched in the nation's capital Monday at an anniversary luncheon of the B'nai B'rith Administrative Committee held at the Statler Hotel. Greetings to B'nai B'rith from the Jewish community of Great Britain were presented by Barnett Janner, M. P., newly-elected president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who spoke at the luncheon.

DISPUTE OVER SENATE INQUIRY ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION REVEALED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The resignation of Marshall MacDuffie as chief counsel of the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights pointed up a behind-the-scenes dispute over the manner of conducting an inquiry into freedom of religion and free speech today. Jewish leaders protested against the suspension last week of a scheduled series of hearings on freedom of religion.

Mr. MacDuffie said he did not want to be associated with a questionnaire on freedom of religion and speech which had been distributed by the subcommittee. It is claimed that some Protestant leaders said that the questions listed were an invitation to Roman Catholic criticism of Supreme Court rulings on the separation of church and state.

It was also understood that Mr. MacDuffie was displeased with the activities of the subcommittee's director of research, Benjamin Ginzburg, a social scientist of Norwalk, Conn. Sen. Thomas Hennings, in announcing the cancellation of hearings last week, had said that the questionnaires constituted a hearing "in written form" and that, as a result, there was no need for oral testimony.

JEWISH AGENCY IN NEW YORK MOURNS DEATH OF DR. ARTHUR HANTKE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The executive of the Jewish Agency today expressed its deep sorrow over the death in Jerusalem on Sunday of Arthur Hantke, veteran Zionist public servant and co-chairman of the board of directors of the Keren Hayesod. The Jewish Agency's statement issued here reads, in part:

"We share with all Zionists and friends of Israel a deep sense of loss at the passing away of our friend and colleague, Arthur Hantke. His contribution to Zionism and the Keren Hayesod are of historical importance. His noble and idealistic personality will occupy forever a position of honor in the history of our generation."